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CHANGES IN BIOPOLYMERS)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants in the referenced application hereby respond to the Restriction Requirement
mailed 25 April 2000. Applicants hereby elect the invention encompassed in the claims of Group I.

This election is made with traverse.

Remarks

Claims 1 - 30 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action mailed 25 April 2000, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement,
it being held that the claimed diagnostic kit could be used for a method different from that claimed
in other claims. The restriction is imposed between the two following groups:

- Group I – claims 1 - 14 and 17 - 26 drawn to a method for identifying changes
in biopolymers, classified in class 435, subclass 6; and
- Group II – claims 15 - 16 and 27 - 30 drawn to a diagnostic kit for identifying
changes in biopolymers, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.